21 fairs/exhibitions abroad during 1996-97 till January'97 viz. Nairobi Int'l Fair; Tehran Int'l Fair; IFMA Cologne; SAIL Food Fair Paris; S. Arabia Int'l Fair; SAITEX johannesburg; Quang Trieng Int'l Fair; Dakar Int'l Fair; Royal Auckland; Carribean Expo Sapin; Asia Leather Fair Hongkong; Living Exh. Tel Aviv; Hardware Shoe Chicago; Taipei Int'l Fair Taiwan; Pret-A-Porter Paris; Semaine Du Cuir Paris; Budapest Int'l Fair; Heimtextile Frankfurt; Domatex Hannover; including two Indian Exhibitions in Kazakhistan and Brazil.

Apart from above, ITPO organised 5 Buyers-Sellers Meets; 6 Specialised Fairs and Indian Product Fair abroad.

ITPO also organised 10 fairs in India viz. Consumexh; Delhi Book Fair; Mystique India; Shoe Fair; Shoe Compl. IITF'96; NCF; Winter Show; Tex Style and Leather Fair, and 22 fairs were also hosted by ITPO in Pragati Maidan, which are Sports Show; Car Display; Garments Fair; Fantasy Fair; World Poultry; Health & Medicare; Power Gen; Air-Conditioners Kits & Components; Home Computer; Metallurgy Int'l; Jewellery Shoe; Yoga Festival; IT India/ Comdes; Broadcast; Gartex; Petrotech; Motor Show; Finanstreet; Fantasy Fair; Inside Outside Show; Garment Fair and Handicrafts Fair.

(b) During the above period, an expenditure amounting to Rs. 2135 lakhs has been incurred and a total income to the tune of Rs. 4143 lakhs has been generated by ITPO through organisation of trade fairs.

Export and Import of Wheat and Rice

921. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL:
SHRIMAT ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of rice and wheat exported from the country during the last 6 months; and

(b) the quantum and value of these two commodities imported during the last 3 months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) The total quantity and value of rice and wheat exported during the period April-December, 1996 is as under:—

Quantity : in lakh MTs

Value : Rs. in Crores

Commodity	Quantity	Value
Rice (Basmati)	3.42	794.11
Rice (Non-Basmati)	16.17	1563.73
Wheat	10.92	679.00

(Source : DGCI&S, CALCUTTA)

(b) No rice was imported during last three months. 4.61 lakh tonnes of wheat has been imported upto 25.02.1997 at an average C&F cost of Rs. 6227/- PMT approximately.

Truck loaded with foodgrains missing in Jammu

922. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether 183 trucks loaded with foodgrains from Jammu to various parts of the Jammu and Kashmir State were missing, as reported by "Hindu" dated 4th January, 1997;

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(c) whether in last seven years 1000 loaded trucks have disappeared;

(d) if so, the results of the same;

(e) whether responsibility has been fixed for this loss; and

(f) the remedial steps taken to ensure that such things do not recur?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes Sir, upto 1993-94 a total of 186 and not 183 trucks as stated in the newspaper report have been reported to be missing.

(b) FCI has taken a number of actions in this regard as follows:

(i) Lodging of FIR with the Police.

(ii) Filing of Civil Suits against the defaulting transporters.

(iii) Adjustments from the pending bills of the transporters.

(iv) Vigorous follow up with the State Government of J&K; and

(v) Handing over the case to CBI for investigations.

(c) Prior to February, 1994, the trucks were being requisitioned from the local Jammu truck union for despatches of foodgrains/sugar to valley. The truck union was not prepared to execute any agreement with FCI and there was no accountability of loss in transit. Coupled with it, due to the law and order situation there has always been delay in reconcilitation of trucks despatched to valley since many a times the trucks were either diverted or were lost due to law and order problems. As a result a total of 1712 trucks remained to be reconciled between the period 1989-90 to 1995-96. Out of these the number of unreconciled trucks at present is 227.

(d) Transport Union of Jammu, has deposited an amount of Rs. 6.48 lakhs being the cost of 12 trucks of foodgrains/sugar. The process of recovery of losses is continuing vigorously.

(e) In case any FCI Officer is found lacking in his responsibilities in the light of the investigations of the Police and CBI, appropriate action will be taken against the concerned officer.

(f) FCI has made its own transport arrangement since April, 1996 and these contractors are responsible for any stocks lost in transit.

गेहूं आयात के मामले में खाद्य अपमिश्रण निवारण अधिनियम में निर्धारित मानदण्डों का उल्लंघन

923. **श्री सोमपाल:** क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इस वर्ष के दौरान आयात किए गए अथवा किए जाने वाले गेहूं की मात्रा तथा मूल्य का देश-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) क्या कनाडा से आयात किए गए गेहूं के मामले में वांछित गुणवत्ता तथा खाद्य अपमिश्रण निवारण अधिनियम में निर्धारित मानदण्डों के उल्लंघन के संबंध में 31 जनवरी, 1997 के "स्टेट्समैन" में प्रकाशित समाचार सही है;

(ग) क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय ने सरकार को इस संबंध में आगाह किया है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और ऐसे मानदण्डों को शिथिल किए जाने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ङ) इस प्रकार आयातित गेहूं की मात्रा कितनी है और क्या ऐसा गेहूं कनाडा के अलावा किसी अन्य देश से आयात किया गया था?

खाद्य मंत्री तथा नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री देवेन्द्र प्रसाद यादव): (क) सरकार ने गेहूं की घरेलू उपलब्धता को बढ़ाने के लिए 2 मिलियन टन तक गेहूं का आयात करने का निर्णय लिया है। भारतीय राज्य व्यापार निगम ने 14.2.1997 तक 16.75 लाख टन गेहूं आयात के लिए ठेकों को अंतिम रूप दिया है जिसकी दरें निम्नानुसार है:-

स्रोत	मात्रा (लाख टन में) किए गए ठेके	मूल्य (अमेरिकी डालर प्रति टन में)
आस्ट्रेलिया	13.25	148-156 (जहाज तक निष्प्रभार)
कनाडा	2.50	152.50 (जहाज तक निष्प्रभार)
अर्जेन्टीना	1.00	173.00 (सी. एंड एफ.)

(ख) से (ङ) जी, नहीं, भारतीय राज्य व्यापार निगम ने यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए पर्याप्त सावधानियां बरती हैं कि आयातित गेहूं खाद्य अपमिश्रण निवारण अधिनियम में निर्धारित किए गए पैरामीटरों और भारत सरकार द्वारा निर्धारित सफाई और संगरोध संबंधी मानदण्डों के अनुरूप हो। ठेकों की शर्तों के अनुसार, कनाडा और आस्ट्रेलिया में जहाज में लादे जाने वाले गेहूं की लदान से पूर्व सरकारी एजेंसियों द्वारा और अर्जेन्टीना में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय साख वाले गुणवत्ता सर्वेक्षकों द्वारा गुणवत्ता की जांच की जाएगी।

Imported substandard Canadian Wheat

924. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether wheat was recently imported from Canada and other countries;

(b) if so, whether the import consignment from Canada has failed the test as per the provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act and has been found to be of substandard quality;